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CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, March 10, as follows:

Week ended March 10, 1906.

Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

Restrictions enforced against Hongkong as reported on March 3, 1906. The following have been added:

Place or port.	Nature of measure.
Madras.....	Arrivals from Hongkong subject to regulations under the Venice convention at infected ports.
Shanghai.....	Hongkong declared an infected port.

Return of quarantinable diseases: Plague, 15 cases, 10 deaths; smallpox, 13 cases, 11 deaths.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox epidemic at Singapore.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 14, as follows:

During the week ended March 10, 1906, 1 original and 1 supplemental bill of health were issued to 1 sailing vessel and 1 steamer, and there were inspected 2 vessels, 306 crew, and 141 steerage passengers. Three cases of illness, one of which was an inguinal bubo were investigated, but all proved to be nonquarantinable. The bubo appeared to be the result of an injury. The fore-castle of 1 vessel and the personal effects of 20 crew were disinfected with sulphur gas, and 2 pieces of steerage baggage were inspected and passed, while 3 were disinfected. There were also disinfected 3 pieces of freight, and 1 piece was rejected. Vaccination certificates were issued to 27 persons bound direct to ports in the United States, and 1 immigrant for San Francisco per steamship *Siberia* was examined and passed.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows that there were reported among natives 2 deaths from smallpox. The total reported mortality was 4 foreigners and 118 natives.

Some apprehension is being felt at Singapore, where smallpox has appeared in practically epidemic form, attacking both foreigners and natives. The disease has also appeared at Niuchwang. A report from that port, dated February 28, 1906, states that 2 foreigners have been stricken with the disease. The Japanese authorities are offering vaccination free of charge, but only a few Chinese are taking advantage of the offer.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended April 6, 1906. Estimated population, 5,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.